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SUBJECT: ROUTINE AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES SUSPENDED

¶1. Asmara's consular section suspended providing routine American citizen services on November 17 due to the Eritrean government's detention of 26 of the Embassy's diplomatic pouches since September ¶13. Until the pouches are released, the consular section will not provide passport, CRBA, notary, or other routine services. Post will inform addressees septel when the consular section reopens for routine ACS services.

POST CONTACT INFORMATION

¶2. Posts with questions can contact Embassy Asmara at consularasmara@state.gov, or contact consular officer Brian Shelbourn at shelbournbl@state.gov, 291-1-120004 ext. 2415, or IVG 596-2415.

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